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SUBJECT: KUWAIT-IRAQ BORDER NEGOTIATIONS

1. IN THE MOST REVEALING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IN KUWAIT TO DATE, REGARDING THE FUTURE COURSE OF IRAQI-KUWAITI BORDER NEGOTIATIONS, ACTING MINISTER FOR CABINET AFFAIRS MARZOUK REPORTEDLY BRIEFED THE PRESS JULY 31 AS FOLLOWS: CONTRARY TO A REPORT IN AL-MUSTAQBAL (PARIS ARABIC MAGAZINE) KUWAIT HAS NOT AGREED TO LEASE IRAQ THE ISLANDS OF WARBAH AND BUBIYAN, BUT THE BILATERAL COMMITTEES (ONE MINISTERIAL AND ONE TECHNICAL) WHICH WILL GRAPPLE WITH BORDER ISSUES WILL "LAY DOWN THE PLAN FOR DEMARCATION" OF THE LAND BORDER. THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ON THE KUWAITI SIDE REPORTEDLY WILL BE DEF MIN/INT MIN SHAIKH SA'AD AL-ABDULLAH (MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE) AND MIN STATE FOR LEGAL AND ADMIN. AFFAIRS, SALMAN AL-DUAYJ (TECHNICAL COMMITTEE). ON THE IRAQISIDE, THE CHAIRMEN WILL BE INT MIN IZZAT IBRAHIM AL-DURI (MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE) AND MIN STATE ADNAN KHAYRALLAH (TECHNICAL COMMITTEE). ALSO, AFTER RAMADAN ENDS (MID SEPTEMBER) SADAM HUSSAIN WILL VISIT KUWAIT ON A DATE NOT YET SET.

2. MINISTER MARZOUK'S REMARK ABOUT DEMARCATION CAUSED UNCLASSIFIED

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